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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 1997, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to and including July 12, 1997, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. The following comments are offered.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 12-14 remain rejected under 35 USC 103 as allegedly being obvious over Gillies et al. The rejection is again traversed.

The Examiner's attention is redirected to the fact that the antibody production process of the present invention requires the